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ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: UN EMISSARY JARRING IS CHANGING THE SITE OF HIS TALKS WITH THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS TO NEW YORK, BUT A SETTLEMENT SEEMS AS FAR AWAY AS EVER.

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JARRING ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON 15 MAY FOR IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH U THANT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ARRANGE TALKS AMONG ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE CONFLICT, BEGINNING AT THE LEVEL OF UN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. JARRING HAS TOLD ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO U THANT AT THIS TIME, BUT HE INDICATED THAT IF MEETINGS CANNOT BE ARRANGED WITHIN "SOME WEEKS" HE WILL FEEL FORCED TO RETURN THE ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE EGYPTIANS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION THAT THEY WILL NOT NEGOTIATE IN THE SAME ROOM WITH THE ISRAELIS. CAIRO HAS AGREED TO INDIRECT TALKS AND NO LONGER DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ARAB TERRITORY AS A FIRST STEP IN IMPLEMENTING THE NOVEMBER UN RESOLUTION, WHICH CAIRO NOW VIEWS AS A "PACKAGE DEAL." A SOVIET OFFICIAL AT THE UN HAS INTIMATED THAT EFFORTS BY MOSCOW LED TO EGYPT'S DECISION TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH JARRING.

THE ISRAELIS ON THE OTHER HAND CONSIDER THAT IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION'S PROVISIONS. MOREOVER, TEL AVIV STILL INSISTS ON FACE-TO-FACE TALKS AND BELIEVES THAT JORDAN MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO SEPARATE DIRECT TALKS.

JARRING HAS NOW PICKED UP AN EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL TO DEVISE A "CALENDAR" FOR IMPLEMENTING THE NOVEMBER RESOLUTION. THE PROPOSAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE BY MOSCOW, LONDON, PARIS, AND ROME. THE APPARENTLY INSOLUBLE PROBLEM OF WHETHER TALKS WILL BE DIRECT OR INDIRECT, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. [REDACTED]

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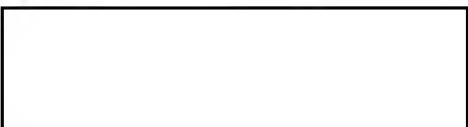
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